* **1890:** the High School opens with co-educational [classes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Class_(education)). Classes are held in the existing Boys School at 10th Street and 2nd Avenue.
* **1891:** Mr. Homer Wright is elected [principal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principal_(school)) of the High School and serves until he becomes [Superintendent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superintendent_(education)) of Schools.
* **1891–1892:** the High School moves into the Bussey Home.
* **June 1892:** the first class graduates from Columbus High School. The class is composed of sixteen girls and two boys. Graduation exercises are held at the Springer Opera House.
* **1897–1898:** a building is constructed to house the High School at 11th Street and 4th Avenue.
* **Fall 1898:** the High School at 11th Street and 4th Avenue opens for classes.
* **1900:** three curricula are adopted for students – college preparation, classical and scientific.
* **1904–1907:** Georgia high schools begin to be accredited by the [University of Georgia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Georgia).
* **1913:** The first COHISCAN, the CHS annual, was published. The name is derived from COlumbus HIgh SChool ANnual.
* **1919:** Junior ROTC is added.
* **1921:** Miss Edwina Wood, a member of the 1892 CHS graduating class, is appointed to the School Board. Miss Wood is the first woman appointed to this board and serves for twenty years.
* **1923:** the "Blue Devil" nickname is first applied by Gen. John J. Pershing in reference to spirited game play exhibited against Phillips High in [Birmingham, Alabama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birmingham,_Alabama). Previous to this time several nicknames had been used for the CHS sports teams. The "Orange Avalanche" is perhaps the best known.
* **May 31, 1924:** a bond election is held to approve the purchase of land for and the building of a new high school. The bond passes "overwhelmingly."
* **1924–1925:** sixteen acres in Wildwood Park are selected as the site of the new high school. Starrett and Van Vlock of New York are chosen as designing architects with Hickman and Martin as local architects.
* **September 2, 1925:** the cornerstone for the new building is set at 1700 Cherokee Avenue.
* **September 16, 1926:** the dedication exercises for the building at 1700 Cherokee Avenue take place.
* **1934:** Home Economics is added to the curriculum.
* **1943–1945:** Miss Annie Massey, the first female CHS High School principal, leads the school during the war years.
* **1962–1963:** the building is expanded and additions are made.
* **June 12, 1981:** fire ravages the original section of the building.
* **1981–1983:** construction and renovations to the building are undertaken. Air conditioning is added. Grades are split and classes held at two locations, Rosemont School and Columbus Junior High School.
* **August 27, 1983:** rededication ceremonies are held.
* **1988:** construction of the alumni wall begins with first students of class of 1988.
* **1990:** [Wilfred Graves, Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilfred_Graves,_Jr.) becomes the first African-American valedictorian of Columbus High School.
* **1990–1991:** Centennial Celebration. Ceremonies are conducted including recognizing [AFLAC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AFLAC) as our Partner In Education.
* **1991–1992:** the first year of the [Liberal Arts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberal_Arts) Magnet program; entering freshman class included the first magnet students. Ms. Linda Kellett is the founding lead teacher of the program. The first section of the Alumni Wall is completed.
* **1999–2000:** Ms. Susan Bryant replaces Dr. Ronnie Shehane as principal. Block scheduling is adopted in a modified 4x4 arrangement with yearlong AP courses meeting on alternate days. The Commemorative Plaza is added in front of the cafeteria.
* **2000–2001:** renovations to the gym.
* **2001–2002:** CHS Liberal Arts Magnet becomes a total [magnet school](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnet_school).
* **2004–2005:** CHS was named a Georgia School of Excellence and a [National Blue Ribbon School](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Blue_Ribbon_School).
* **Summer 2005:** school is renovated. The student parking area, long known for mud and haphazard parking arrangements, is renovated.
* **September 2008:** CHS teacher charged and sentenced to one year in prison for [sexual assault against a person in custody.](http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2008/09/05/431966/columbus-high-teacher-sex-case.html)
* **2009:** Judy Whitt replaces Susan Bryant as principal.
* **2010:** Tech baseball player Daniel Palka graduates.
* **2011:** Marvin Crumbs replaces Judy Whitt as principal.

In the beginning lived two Gods, Nafufu and Ahote, they decided to have fun and create little beings that would entertain them. However, they needed a world to put these little beings, so they created the earth. “But what should they drink when they get thirsty?” Nafufu asked his brother. So they flooded the world with water, enough to last for millenniums to come. “What will these little beings walk upon?” exclaimed Ahote. So they created lands big enough for many nations to be made; mountains, valleys and trees sprung out of the water. “What shall they eat?” Nafufu wonder. So they created animals that would roam the earth. Next, the humans came, who would run and control this new found earth. Nafufu and Ahote shouted “Fus Ro Dah!” and this new race spread from sea to shining sea. The humans lacked the knowledge of what we call modern intelligence today. They lived in caves, hunted for the food, lacked communication. Slowly, the humans evolved. Over the years they made many discoveries. Men made fires; they could float across oceans, fly to further lands. But Nafufu and Ahote were not satisfied with the progression the humans were making.

It wasn’t until 1890 A.D. the birth of a legend had come; a god amongst men, Rafiki was born. Rafiki was smarter, stronger, and more virtuous than the average man. It was because of this that the gods wished for Rafiki to share his wisdom with the rest of mankind but the question was how to do this. Adult humans beings with their lack of intelligence saw Rafiki as being different, therefore they would have nothing to do with him. It was during this time that through the brilliance of Rafiki a plan was made to spread Rafiki’s brilliance with the world. Rafiki would educate the humans before they became adults this way they would have his brilliance throughout their lives. Rafiki prayed to the gods Nafufu and Ahote for a place which he could educate the humans. The gods Nafufu and Ahote answered his prayers and in the town of Columbus in the state of Georgia. A high school to surpass all others was created. The high school named after the city, would be known all around the world as Columbus High School. Eventually, due to spirit displayed by those who attended Rafiki’s School, they would be known as The Blue Devils.   
 The other gods all gather together and gave gifts to the new school that Rafiki had made. Fionapher, the harvest goddess, had tribute to the school a willow tree seed. She threw the seed into the ground and a great willow tree had sprung out of the ground. This tree would go on and shade the students of it school from all the harmful things of the world. Brittania, the water goddess, had tribute a fountain to the school. This fountain had special magic property that helped keep the students focus throughout the day. These two tributes would be shall forever be known as the famous Courtyards that we know today. Lacyonius, goddess of guardians, had tribute gates for these courtyards. These gates would forever keep out perpetrators from these sacred grounds. These great landmarks shall forever be part of the great rafiki’s school.

Over the next few years, mankind flourished due to Rafiki’s efforts at Columbus High School. Due to this, mankind’s intelligence gradually grew over the years. However, other human beings began to become jealous of Rafiki’s success. These humans known by the names Noordekant and Hoondodi wanted to start their own high schools, but they did not have the mental supremacy that Rafiki had. Their jealousy grew and grew until in 1981 they stealthily snuck into Columbus High and stole some of Rafiki’s education plans, and to make it even worse on Rafiki they set part of his school on fire to cover their tracks. It would take Rafiki two years to fix the damage that Noordekant and Hoondodi deal to his school. Using the secrets they had stolen from Rafiki, Noordekant and Hoondodi would each create their own high schools. Noordekant would go on to create Northside High School while Hoondodi would create Hardaway High School. It is because of these events that these high schools along with Columbus High would forever be rivals.

A few years has passed since the burning of the school. Through the guidance of the great rafiki, Columbus High School began to form its unique social cultures. To honor the great god Rafiki, the inhabitants of Columbus High School chant an alma mater. They gather at pep rallies. Once a week the children dress outlandishly in support of Rafiki. Those who hold the Spirit Stick are passed on the spirit of Rafiki. Maye he live forever.